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FOR GARRISON FROM MATLOCK

E.O.11652: GDS
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1. APPRECIATE ANY GUIDANCE YOU CAN OBTAIN REGARDING
MRS. VANCE'S PROGRAMMING PREFERENCES DURING VISIT. ONE
POSSIBILITY WOULD BE FOR HER TO VISIT LENINGRAD WITH
MRS. TOON FOR A DAY.

2. BILL BROWN WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO BECOME DCM IN TAIPEI
(OR FOR THAT MATTER PEKING). AT THE SAME TIME HE
RECOGNIZES THE POSSIBLE DIFFICULTY IN GETTING A REPLACE-
MENT FOR HIM IN MOSCOW AND HE IS MINDFUL THAT IN ACCORD-
ANCE WITH YOUR LETTER AND WITH THE AMBASSADOR'S APPROVAL
HE HAS JUST COMMUNICATED TO PER HIS WILLINGNESS TO
EXTEND HERE UNTIL JUNE 1979. ON BALANCE, IF YOU COULD
FIND A STRONG REPLACEMENT FOR HIM, HE WOULD TAKE THE DCM
JOB IN TAIPEI THIS SUMMER IF OFFERED. AS FAR AS THE
AMBASSADOR IS CONCERNED, HE OF COURSE WOULD REGRET BILL'S
EARLY DEPARTURE, BUT IF A GOOD REPLACEMENT WERE AVAILABLE
WOULD NOT BE INCLINED TO STAND IN THE WAY OF A REASSIGN-
MENT BILL DESIRES. TOON

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